



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to recover and enhance endangered species survival. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), prohibits certain activities that may impact endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please submit your written comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability:* Request documents by phone or email: Marty Tuegel 505-248-6651, [marty\\_tuegel@fws.gov](mailto:marty_tuegel@fws.gov).

*Comment submission:* Submit comments by email to [fw2\\_te\\_permits@fws.gov](mailto:fw2_te_permits@fws.gov). Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Application No. ESPER1234567).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marty Tuegel, Supervisor, Environmental Review Division, 505-248-6651. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that

allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing but also such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting.

The ESA and our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at title 50, part 17, provide for issuing such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving listed species.

A recovery permit we issue under the ESA, section 10(a)(1)(A), authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or enhance the species' propagation or survival. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

### **Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a request as specified in **ADDRESSES**. Releasing documents is subject to Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requirements.

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Please refer to the application number when submitting comments.

Application Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
PER0030652	Miller, Marvin; Spring Branch, Texas	Beetle [no common name] ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle [no common name] ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes venyivi</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Neoleptoneta microps</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, capture	Harm, harass	New
PER0029468	Jenkerson, Jeffrey; San Marcos, Texas	Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handling, biosampling, translocation, release	Harass, harm	New
PER0029467	Gladstone, Nicholas S.; Austin, Texas	Austin blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), beetle [no common name] ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle [no common name] ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> ), Comal Springs dryopid beetle ( <i>Stygoparnus comalensis</i> ), Comal Springs riffle beetle ( <i>Heterelmis comalensis</i> ), Helotes mold beetle	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, habitat assessment	Harass, harm	New

		<i>(Batrisodes ventyivi)</i> , Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle <i>(Texamaurops reddelli)</i> , Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine  persephone</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella  reyesi</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella  cokendolpheri</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Neoleptoneta microps</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Neoleptoneta myopica</i> ), Peck's Cave amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus  pecki</i> )				
PER0030653	Grouse Mountain Environmental Consultants, LLC.; Buffalo, Wyoming	Rio Grande silvery minnow ( <i>Hybognathus amarus</i> ), spikedace ( <i>Meda fulgida</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wyoming	Presence/absence surveys, monitoring	Harass, harm	Renew/amend
ES068189	Archaeological Consulting Services – A Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. Company;	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend

	Tempe, Arizona					
PER0018550	Mowad, Gary; Scottsdale, Arizona	Black-lace cactus ( <i>Echinocereus reichenbachii</i> var. <i>albertii</i> ), Tobusch fishhook cactus ( <i>Sclerocactus brevihamatus</i> ssp. <i>tobuschii</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, collection, transplantation	Collect	New
PER0005103	Proppe, Darren; Dripping Springs, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, habitat assessment	Harass, harm	New
PER0012186	San Antonio Aquarium; San Antonio, Texas	Green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> )	Texas	Rehabilitation, display for educational purposes, release into the wild	Harass, harm	New
PER0030654	US Forest Service, Tonto National Forest; Mesa, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Yuma Ridgway's rail ( <i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i> ), Colorado pikeminnow ( <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> ), desert pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon macularius</i> ), Gila chub ( <i>Gila intermedia</i> ), Gila topminnow ( <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i> ), razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> )	Arizona	Survey/monitoring	Harass, harm	Renew/amend
PER0002439	US Army; Fort Hood, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> )	Texas	Survey/monitoring, capture, handling, banding, tracking, release	Harass, harm	Renew/amend
PER0030655	Wallgren, Jenny; Johnson City, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER0029730	Prescott, Jacqueline; Spring, Texas	Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New

PER0029738	Pebworth, Michael; Houston, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER0030658	USGS, Southwest Biological Science Center; Flagstaff, Arizona	Arizona eryngo ( <i>Eryngium sparganophyllum</i> ), Huachuca water umbel ( <i>Lilaeopsis schaffneriana</i> var. <i>recurva</i> ), Arizona cliffrose ( <i>Purshia subintegra</i> )	Arizona	Collection	Collect	New
PER0030603	Sphere 3 Environmental; Longview, Texas	Red-cockaded woodpecker ( <i>Picoides borealis</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
PER0030542	Long, Ashley; Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> )	Texas	Survey/monitoring, capture, handling, banding, tracking, release	Harass, harm	Renew and Amend
PER0030546	Griffin, David; Green Valley, Arizona	Northern aplomado falcon ( <i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, New Mexico, Texas	Presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring	Harass, harm	Renew
PER0030551	Terry, William; San Marcos, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> )	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER0004032	Horizon Environmental Services, Inc.; Austin, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), beetle [no common name] ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle [no common name] ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Bracken Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina venii</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes ventyivi</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle	Texas, Oklahoma	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew/amend

		<p>(<i>Texamaurops reddelli</i>), Tooth Cave ground beetle (<i>Rhadine persephone</i>), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (<i>Texella reddelli</i>), Bone Cave harvestman (<i>Texella reyesi</i>), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman (<i>Texella cokendolpheri</i>), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina vespera</i>), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (<i>Neoleptoneta microps</i>), Madla Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina madla</i>), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina baronia</i>), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (<i>Tartarocreagris texana</i>), Tooth Cave spider (<i>Neoleptoneta myopica</i>)</p>				
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## **Public Availability of Comments**

All comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

## **Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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